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The Soviet guard vessel, about 40 meters long, was painted grey and had a small gun both forward and aft. She was flying the Soviet naval ensign with a green stripe at the lower border. She had come from Polyarnyy.

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3. A plain wooden house serving as signal station and a signal mast, both located on a knoll, were on the north side of the Tyuva Bay. The pilot boarded in front of this station. A primitive storehouse for natural ice was near a waterfall and, by a chute, supplied steam trawlers lying alongside a small wooden pier. (Note sketch map, p.4.)

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4. [REDACTED] A large signal and radio station with more than 10 masts was on a high mountain in the rear of Polyarnyy. 1 [REDACTED] a large number of small

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boats moving in the harbor.

5. [redacted] the Murmansk pilot came [redacted] in a small white motorboat. He had come from the Tyuva Bay signal station. He wore a blue naval uniform with two gold sleeve stripes with a curl. [redacted] 25X1
6. The shores of the Murmansk Inlet between Tyuva Bay and Murmansk were rocky and had a growth of shrubs. Military installations were not observed. Small wooden huts with a mast, housing guard or signal stations, were on each side of the inlet, five to six kilometers apart. 25X1
7. [redacted]
8. The quay installations in the coal harbor included: a rather decrepit stone pier with large storage sheds and spur tracks; five electric cranes standing on the north side of the pier, including one which was out of operation; and four electric cranes on the south side. The unloading of the 1,400 tons of coal continued almost uninterruptedly [redacted] 25X1
9. Ships lying in the coal harbor [redacted] a Soviet cargo and passenger steamer of about 1,000 GRT which was painted white, having two red rings around her white funnel; it left Murmansk at midnight [redacted] after unloading coal and general cargo; three Soviet steamers on the south side of the pier, each of about 5,000 GRT, that unloaded coal from Spitsbergen [redacted]; a collier which was riding at anchor waiting for a free berth; two large sea-going lighters of about 2,000 GRT each, carrying coal, that were on the south side of the pier; and sea-going tugs lying under steam, transverse to the pier. [redacted] these lighters with cargo came from Spitsbergen 25X1
10. The Murmansk lumber harbor was north of the coal harbor and had a pier which was usable only on its south side, as the north side was dry. An enormous number of large lumber rafts floated on the water; they fell dry at low water because the range of tide was about five meters. [redacted] the lumber rafts would not be exported, but would be used on building sites south of Murmansk. An old Soviet steamer of about 500 GRT was at the pier of the lumber harbor. 25X1
11. [redacted] Murmansk appeared a conglomeration of primitive and rather decrepit wooden huts with only a few brick buildings and a small number of broad streets. [redacted] All longshoremen had very poor clothing and worked slowly, only reluctantly obeying the orders of their foremen. Their lack of discipline was especially striking. Soviet workers commented that Murmansk was far from Moscow. 25X1
12. [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] searchlights of the Mishukov Cape (N 69-03, E 33-05) and Velikiy Point (N 69-05, E 33-17) signal stations in the Murmansk Inlet [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the position of this signal and radio station as N 69-11-45, E 33-27-00.

2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the position of the Mishukov signal station as N 69-02-45, E 33-02-44, and that of the Velikiy signal station as N 69-05-12, E 33-16-51.

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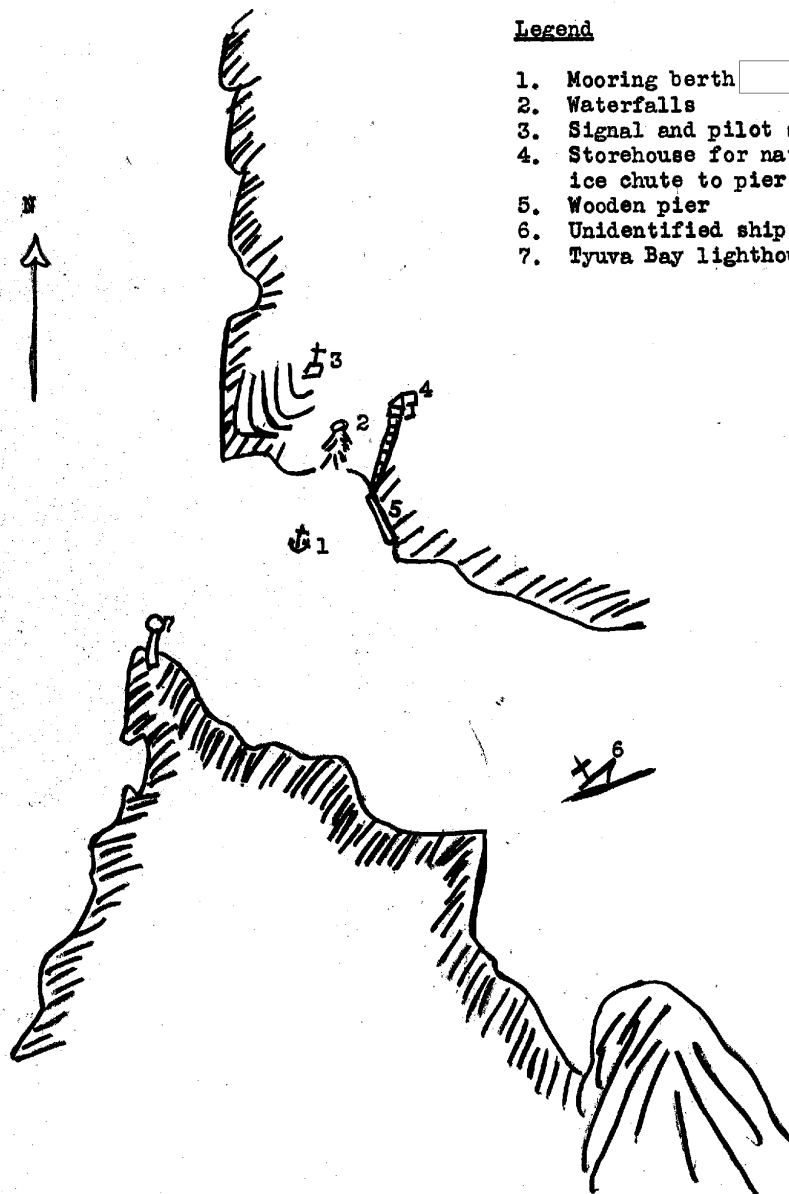
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SKETCH MAP OF TYUVA BAY

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Legend

1. Mooring berth
2. Waterfalls
3. Signal and pilot station
4. Storehouse for natural ice with ice chute to pier
5. Wooden pier
6. Unidentified ship wreck
7. Tyuva Bay lighthouse

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